Potable water in DIZ area of Delhi

580. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received a representation which was forwarded by Prime Minister's Office in the month of October, 2006, regarding scarcity of potable water in nearly 1600 flats of Sector-4, DIZ Area, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what action is being contemplated by Government to provide potable water in adequate quantity to the allottees of these flats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The water is supplied in DIZ area, New Delhi by New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) from Talkatora Underground Reservoir. NDMC has reported that the depth of Talkatora. Underground Reservoir is 20 ft. and the water is being filled by Delhi Jal Board upto the level of 10 ft. only. NDMC stops the water supply when level comes down to 5 ft. A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Delhi along with officials of Delhi Jal Board, NDMC and CPWD. The Delhi Jal Board has been directed to increase the level of water in Talkatora Underground Reservoir from 10 ft. to 15 ft. Keeping in view the short supply, underground water is also being supplied.

Influence Zones around Metro stations and lines

581. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal by Delhi Metro to develop "Influence Zones" near and around Metro Stations and on both sides of the metro railway lines is under active consideration of Government;

(b) if so, whether an area of 100-200 metres on both sides of the metro railway lines is going to be allowed to be brought under the "Influence Zones"; and

(c) whether the buildings in 100-200 metre area on both sides of the metro lines under the "Influence Zones" are going to be regularised on as is where is basis and exempted from any punitive action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has reported that no such proposal is under consideration.

(b) and (c) The Master Plan for Delhi (MPD)- 2021 envisages Influence Zone along Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) including the Delhi Metro corridor, as intensive development zone. Maximum up to 500 m. wide belt on both sides of centre line of the MRTS/ Major Transport Corridor (to be identified in connection with GNCTD) will be designated as Influence Zone which will be identified in the respective Zonal Development Plans.

Layout Plans of a scheme for redevelopment of Influence Zone needs to be approved and Development Controls applicable will be as permissible for the respective use zones/use premises.

Higher FAR and height can be availed of through the preparation and approval of comprehensive Integrated scheme.

Violation of Master Plan and building bye-laws by IIPM

582. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Institute of Planning and Management (IIPM) Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi have violated Master Plan and building bye-laws by misusing the premises for purely commercial activities;

(b) whether DDA have not taken any action against the IIPM inspite of several complaints received against them for continued commercial activities; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps Government have taken against the IIPM for violating Master Plan, building bye-laws and lease-deed agreement with DDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir. A land measuring 0.5 acre was allotted to Canara Bank Relief and Welfare Society in Qutab Institutional Area for social and charitable purpose. However, the Society illegally subletted the entire building constructd on the said land to Indian Institute of Planning and Management (IIPM) in contravention of Master Plan and Building-Bye-Laws and terms of allotment. IIPM was using the building for commercial activities and, therefore, the properties were sealed on 15.11.2006. However, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi vide their orders dated 16.11.2006 granted two months time to vacate the premises and stop the misuser. The properties were de-sealed on 22.11.2006 for two months. Thereafter, the Hon'ble Supreme Court extended the time to vacate the premises upto 15.5.2007. The Apex Court again extended the time to vacate the impugned properties upto 15.6.2007. Thereafter, these properties were re-sealed on 16.6.2007 and are still lying sealed.

(b) and (c) DDA had determined the lease and also got the building sealed for misuse. FIR was also lodged against the Society and currently the matter is under investigation by the Delhi Police.

Package for Mumbai Municipal Corporation

583. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have recently announced a package for the improvement of infrastructure in Mumbai Municipal Corporation area;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time likely to be taken for the completion of the project;

(c) whether the State Government of Maharashtra and Mumbai Municipal Corporation would be required to contribute financially in the project; and

(d) if so, the extent thereof?